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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SREF, VS, SN

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE

REF: A. SINGAPORE 1846 B. STATE 104063

1. WE APPRECIATE GOS WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW SHORT DELAY IN  
DEPARTURE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT  
GOS IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT USG HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THESE PEOPLE DESPITE WHAT YOU SAID TO THE CONTRARY IN  
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. GOH. AS YOU KNOW, U.S. POLICY,  
CONCURRED IN BY THE CONGRESS, IS TO INTERNATIONALIZE REFU-  
GEE BURDEN TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, AND NOT REPEAT NOT  
TO ASSUME SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE REFUGEES WHO HAVE  
FLED ON THEIR OWN, EXCEPT IN SITUATIONS OF DIRE EMERGENCY  
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WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABROAD U.S. VESSELS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO GOS THAT REFUGEES ARE IN THE  
FIRST INSTANCE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY

SEEK REFUGE. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND GOS RELUCTANCE TO RECEIVE THE VIETNAMESE FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME PERMANENTLY AND IN ANY CASE IT SEEMS THAT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS ALONE WOULD REQUIRE GOS TO HELP AND KEEP THEM UNTIL PERMANENT ASYLUM CAN BE FOUND. GOS SHOULD BEURGED TO REQUEST UNHCR AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLING.

THE REFUGEES. USG IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE FAIR SHARE OF UNHCR COSTS. KISSINGER

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